In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

Cancel claims 6, 14 and 17 to 22.

REMARKS

The claims are claims 1 to 3 and 9 to 11.

Claims 6, 14 and 17 to 22 have been canceled.

Claims 1 to 3 and 9 to 11 were finally rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as made obvious by S. Bloebaum et al. U.S. Patent 6,070,137, filed January 7, 1998.

Claims 1 and 9 recite further subject matter not made obvious by Bloebaum et al. Claim 1 recites "calculating a smoothed power estimate by smoothing the power estimate over time." Likewise, claim 9 recites the noise suppression circuit operates to "calculate a power estimate of the transformed windowed signals." The FINAL REJECTION states at page 5, lines 12 and 13 that Bloebaum et al teaches:

> "smoothing the power estimate over time when there is no speech to calculate a noise power estimate (col. 5, lines 37-44 and 60-65)"

Bloebaum et al states at column 5, lines 30 to 44:

> "The adaptation process involves smoothing of the model parameters in order to reduce the variance of the noise estimate. This may be done using either a moving average (MA), autoregressive (AR), or a combination ARMA process. AR smoothing is the preferred technique, since it provides good smoothing for a low ordered filter. This reduces the memory storage requirements for the noise suppression algorithm. The noise model adaptation with first order AR smoothing is given by the following equation:

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